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Classified By: DCM Thomas F. Daughton; reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) We delivered reftel demarche to MFA Chief of Disarmament and Nonproliferation Fethi Metref November 23 during a discussion of the November 18 IAEA reports on the Iranian and Syrian nuclear programs. Metref said that Algeria continues to support IAEA's dialogue with Iran on its nuclear program and stressed that efforts should be made to ensure talks continue. Metref, however, provided little substantive comment on the upcoming IAEA Board of Governors meetings. He explained that before drafting its statement on Iran or considering possible actions in response to report findings on Syrian nuclear activities, the Algerian delegation would need time to digest the conclusions of each report. Metref assured us that he would contact us with any subsequent response to our questions.

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